

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: December 14, 2017

TOMMIE C. MARTIN

Chairman

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Clerk of the Board

TIM R. HUMPHREY

Vice-Chairman

By: Melissa Henderson
Deputy Clerk

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Member

Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Tommie C. Martin, Chairman (via phone); Tim R. Humphrey, Vice-Chairman; Woody Cline, Member (via ITV); W. James Menlove, County Manager; Charles Shire, Deputy Gila County Attorney, Senior, Civil Bureau (via ITV); and Melissa Henderson, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

Jefferson R. Dalton, Deputy Gila County Attorney, Civil Bureau Chief; and Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board, were not present.

Just prior to the meeting being called to order, Chairman Martin thanked Vice-Chairman Humphrey for agreeing to chair today's meeting as she would be participating by phone and was unsure if there would be good phone reception.

Item 1 – CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Humphrey called the special session to order at 4:30 p.m. this date in the Board of Supervisors' hearing room. He stated that Supervisor Martin would be participating by phone, Supervisor Cline would be participating via ITV in Young, and he was present at the Globe Courthouse. Chairman Humphrey asked James Menlove to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 – REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Information/Discussion/Action to authorize the release of the assessment of pending or threatened litigation, claims and assessments against Gila County at June 30, 2015, and for all subsequent fiscal year audits by the Gila County Attorney to the auditing firm.

Chairman Humphrey read aloud this agenda item and called on James Menlove, County Manager, to speak. Mr. Menlove took this opportunity to thank the Finance Department staff for their outstanding work with the auditing firm. As a routine part of the audit and prior to the release of the

audit, the auditing firm requires that any pending or threatened litigation must be disclosed by any and all attorneys engaged by Gila County. Mr. Menlove requested authorization from the Board of Supervisors for the letter to be written by the County Attorney's Office and to be submitted to the auditing firm.

Charles Shire, Deputy Gila County Attorney, Senior, Civil Bureau, wanted to affirm that the County Attorney's Office is the attorney for the Board of Supervisors and that the County Attorney's Office would not disclose the information to the auditor without the Board's permission.

Supervisors Martin and Cline did not provide any comments. Chairman Humphrey thanked the finance staff for their arduous work and he asked for a Board motion.

Upon motion by Supervisor Martin, seconded by Supervisor Cline, the Board unanimously authorized the release of the assessment of information regarding pending or threatened litigation, claims and assessments against Gila County for June 30, 2015, and for all subsequent fiscal year audits by the Gila County Attorney to the auditing firm. Note to the record: The motion was approved to include all subsequent fiscal year audits by the Gila County Attorney to the auditing firm; however, during a Board meeting held on June 22, 2017, Jefferson Dalton, Deputy Gila County Attorney, Civil Bureau Chief, made a statement for the approval of a similar agenda item that the Board could not take this action for all future audits; it would have to be done for each release of an audit.

Item 3 – CALL TO THE PUBLIC: Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address the Board of Supervisors on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(H), at the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Board of Supervisors may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda for further discussion and decision at a future date.

There weren't any comments from the public.

Item 4 – At any time during this meeting pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), members of the Board of Supervisors and the County Manager may present a brief summary of current events. No action may be taken on information presented.

Comments were provided by Supervisor Martin and Chairman Humphrey; no comments were provided by Supervisor Cline. Mr. Menlove announced that

Theresa Williams, Interim Finance Director, will soon be retiring from the County. He expressed his appreciation for her service.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Humphrey adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

Tim R. Humphrey, Acting Chairman

ATTEST:

Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board